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Piedmont Natural Gas Proposed Gas Pipeline in Greenville County

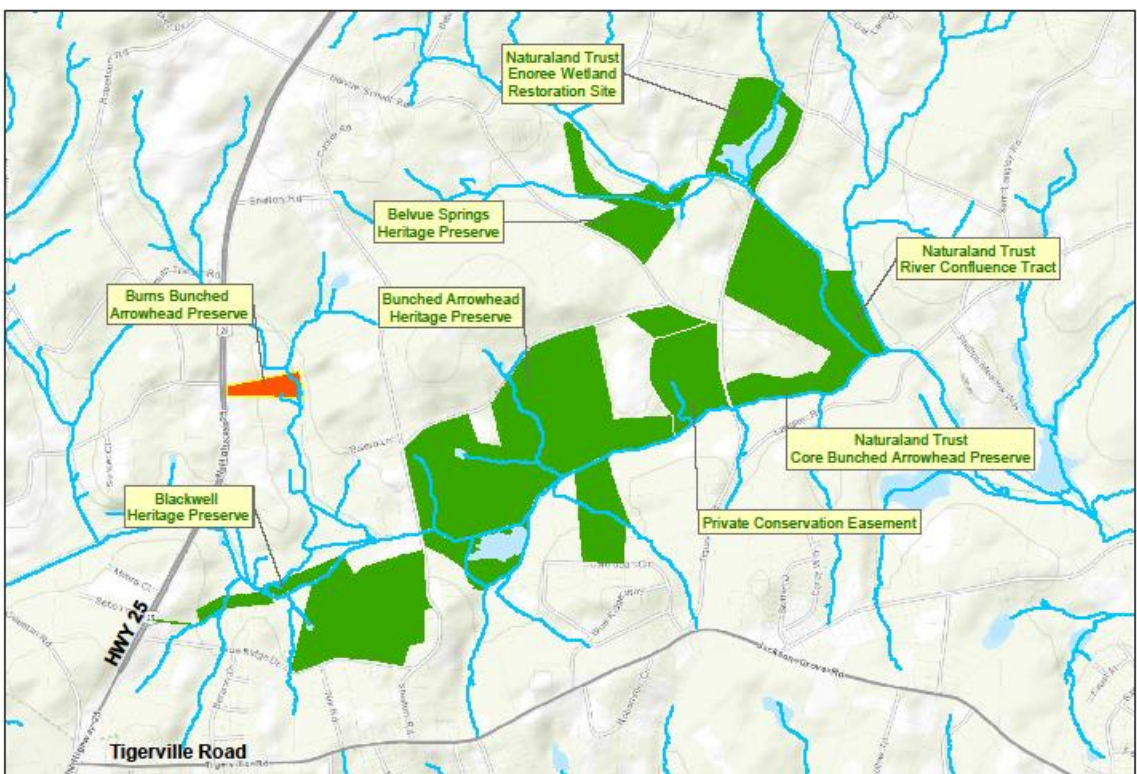
Generic Proceeding Docket No 2012-
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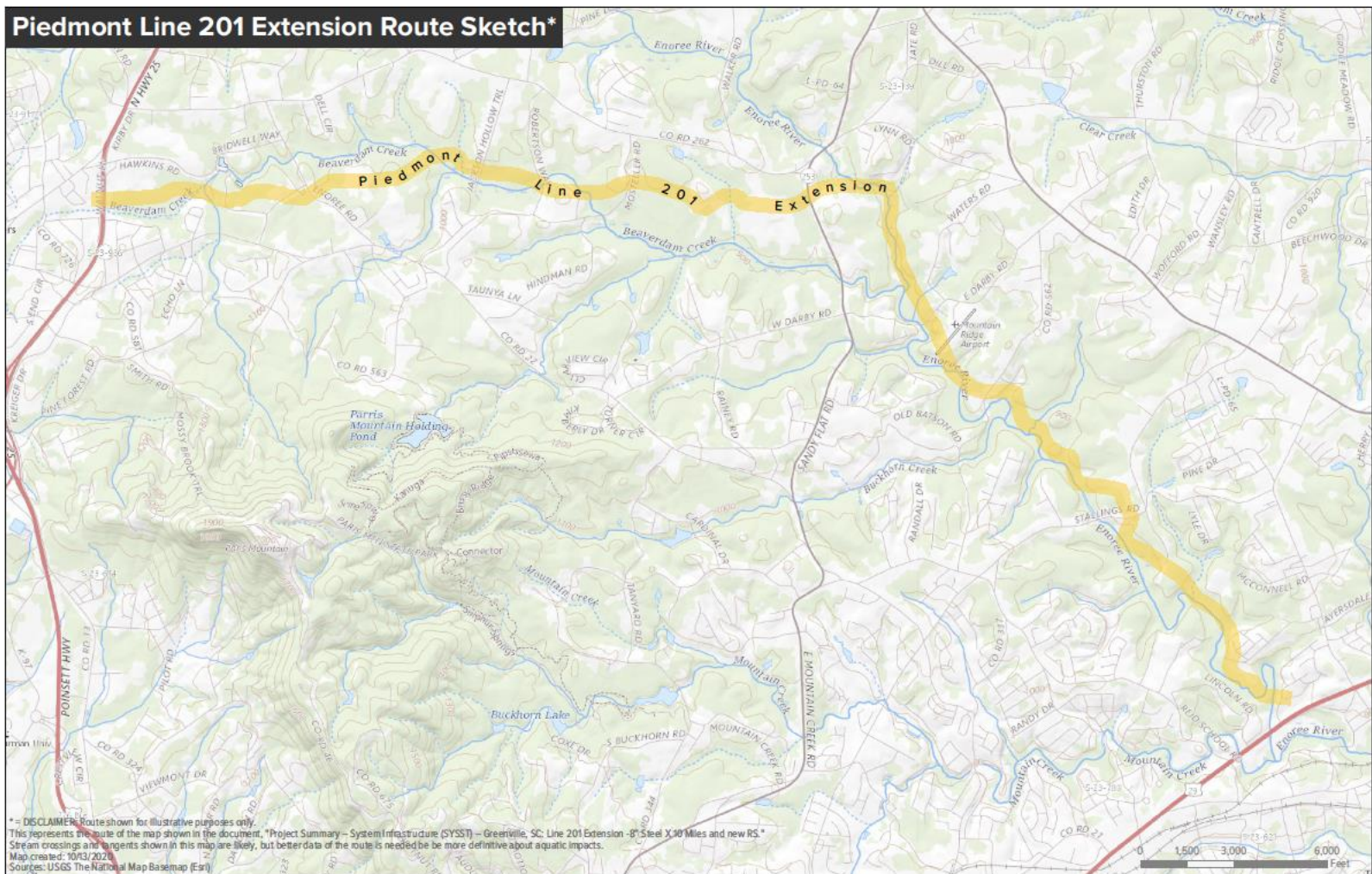
Piedmont Seepage Forest

- “Well-developed examples of springhead seepage forests are restricted to the upper piedmont”; the “best sites are all in the vicinity of Travelers Rest in Greenville County.” Porcher and Rayner, A Guide to the Wildflowers of South Carolina at 84-85, 219-220 (2001).

Natural Resources

- Bunched Arrowhead -- Center for Plant Conservation Species Profile, <http://saveplants.org/national-collection/plant-search/plant-profile/?CPCNum=3791>; Newberry, G. 1991, Factors Affecting the Survival of the Rare Plant, *Sagittaria fasciculata* E.O. Beal (Alismataceae), Castanea 56, 1: 59-64.
- Federally Endangered -- https://ecos.fws.gov/docs/recovery_plan/Bunched%20arrowhead%20RP.pdf.
- “The seepage habitat in which bunched arrowhead occurs is extremely threatened by the activities of man.” Recovery Plan (p. 9).
- “Increased development across the Piedmont region has already begun to encroach on the plant's native habitat and has the potential to alter local hydrology, thereby threatening the plant's distribution.” “The plant's distinct and sensitive habitat requirements will make it particularly vulnerable to changes in the hydrogeology and/or land cover from encroaching development.” Paper No. 30-5, *Hydrogeologic Characterization of the Bunched Arrowhead, Sagittaria Fasciculata*, Rachel Baxter, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Furman University, and Weston R. Dripps, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Furman University.
- Dwarf Flowered Heartleaf – Federally Threatened. <http://www.scwf.org/hexastylis>; https://www.fws.gov/asheville/htmls/listed_species/Dwarf_flower_ed_heartleaf.html; <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/species/state.html>; <https://www2.dnr.sc.gov/ManagedLands/ManagedLand/ManagedLand/14>





Promoting Development

- PNG Project Summary: “future residential /commercial growth”; “supporting residential and commercial growth in northern Greenville County”; 2400 new customers.
- Proposed Bluestone Ridge subdivision on Blue Ridge Drive (2017); proposed Crestfield Farm subdivision on Shelton Road (2019); and proposed Crestfield subdivision on Enoree Road (2020).
- Land Development Regulations, Section 3.1: A proposed development must be “compatible with the site’s environmental conditions, such as, but not limited to, wetlands, flooding, endangered species and/or habitat, and historic sites and/or cemeteries.”

August 4, 2020

Naturaland Trust
P.O. Box 728
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Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Pipeline Survey Activity Notice
County: Greenville
PIN Number: 0501050102700, 0501040100100

Dear Landowner,

In order to serve our customers in Greenville County, SC, Piedmont Natural Gas ("Piedmont") will be installing a new pipeline from Taylors, SC to Travelers Rest, SC. Piedmont is committed to providing safe, reliable natural gas service, and projects like these are part of our routine pipeline operations throughout our three-state service territory.

To begin this project, a land survey and engineering study is needed to determine the route for the new pipeline. A surveyor's "right-of-entry" is provided for under Section 28-2-70 of South Carolina Code of Laws. This letter is to notify you of our intent to enter the property for the preliminary survey, but this does not necessarily mean your property will fall in or along the finalized pipeline route. Our contracted surveyors and engineers include: Professional Property Surveyors.

The survey process is typically routine and minimally disruptive to the property. It may be necessary in some cases, however, to take core soil samples during the engineering phase. Should that be the case, Piedmont, or its contractor(s), will coordinate with individual property owners prior to the sampling process. Piedmont is committed to restoring any such area to its original state after the survey and assessment process has been completed.

If we determine that your property falls within the proposed pipeline route, a representative of Piedmont Natural Gas will contact you to arrange just compensation for the land rights needed to proceed with this project. As a part of this process, an exhibit of your property will be prepared, showing where the proposed easement for the pipeline project is situated in relation to your property. This will NOT involve the purchase or relocation of homes.

Our land agents will attempt to contact you after sending this notification to answer any questions you may have about the survey process and to learn about features of your property we should be aware of prior to entry. With your permission we will begin as soon as possible, otherwise surveying will start in 30 days.

If you have any questions, you may contact Tracie Cheseldine, our contracted right of way agent from Maser Consulting

Piedmont Natural Gas is committed to being as open and transparent as possible throughout this process and to minimizing any inconvenience to you. We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Zach Huett

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Land Representative
Piedmont Natural Gas

Recommendations

- **Transparency:** PNG to produce all documents concerning its decision to build this line and to select routes, including all internal emails, texts, memoranda, proposed routes, and notes.
- **Public Hearing and Information.**
 - Commission Hearing in the Community Before PNG pursues activities concerning any line in this area;
 - 30 Days Notice of the Hearing;
 - 30 Days in Advance of Hearing, PNG Provides to the Public: the route of the proposed line, a list of the properties affected, the details of and PNG's documentation for its justifications for the line, and the documentation demonstrating the cost of the line;
 - Public Has the Opportunity to Comment and Address Questions to PNG.